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With respect to proof that the Applicant had sufficient proprietary interest in the application, Applicant again calls the Patent Office's attention to the copy of the employment contract

and the English translation thereof and copy of the French law and the English translation thereof and attestation of the contract of Jean-Luc Dubois, these were filed with the last response together with Mr. Vieillefosse's declaration on behalf of the Applicant. With respect to Mr. Vieillefosse's authority to sign for the company, Applicant is submitting herewith a copy of granting of the power to Mr. Vieillefosse as well as an English translation thereof which unequivocally demonstrates that he has the authority to execute on behalf of the company.

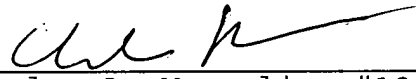
With respect to the inventor's place of residence and the Post Office address, Applicant is submitting herewith another declaration by Mr. Vieillefosse that unequivocally states that the present address of Mr. Dubois is not known since Mr. Dubois has refused to provide the same to Mr. Vieillefosse or to the employer. However, Applicant has provided the present employment address of Mr. Dubois so that correspondence mailed thereto could reach him. Applicant cannot provide to the Patent Office what the inventor has refused to provide. The address at 63 rue de Meauz, 75019 Paris, France was the last known residence of Mr. Dubois.

With respect to Mr. Dubois' refusal to execute the declaration for the application, the present declaration of Mr. Vieillefosse unequivocally states that Mr. Dubois has orally refused in his telephone conversations with Mr. Vieillefosse to execute the present application.

Therefore, it is deemed that Applicant has complied with all the necessary requisites for the acceptance of the declaration and the Patent Office is requested to kindly grant the petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.47(b).

Respectfully submitted,
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